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Administrative History

President Calvin Coolidge established the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission on December 2, 1924 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Three U.S. president served as Chairman of the commission, while Senator Simeon D. Fess of Ohio served as vice chairman and Representative Sol Bloom of New York held the position of director. The vice president and speaker of the House of Representatives were also members of the commission. The commission organized events and facilitated the creation of written works and performances about George Washington, as well as compiling five volumes of literature about these activities and the history of Washington's life. Thousands upon thousands of bicentennial events and programs took place during the nine-month celebration, which began February 22, 1932.

Like other states, Indiana organized the Indiana George Washington Bicentenary Commission to oversee events and celebrations within the bounds of the state. Hugh McK. Landon was chairman of the Indiana commission, while Miller Hamilton served as executive secretary and George S. Cole as secretary of the organization. Christopher B. Coleman, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau and Historical Commission during the 1920s and 1930s, served as the Indianapolis member of the commission. Indiana had a total of 144,707 bicentennial programs, which included those held by music clubs, boy and girl scout troupes, schools, women's organizations, agricultural organizations, churches, and fraternal, patriotic and civil organizations as well as those events planned by local, county and state government.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

U.S. George Washington Bicentennial Commission. *History of the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration*, vol. 5. Washington, D.C.: United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, 1932), ii-xiii, 338-341, 489-491. Accessed August 4, 2015. <http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/012466372>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes letters from Indiana politicians in United States Congress and members of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission in Washington, D.C. to members of the Indiana George Washington Bicentenary Commission ranging from December 7, 1931 to January 28, 1932 regarding speaking engagements and the difficulties obtaining materials on George Washington from the U.S. commission due to financial constraints.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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- Indiana George Washington Bicentenary Commission.
- United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

Personal Name(s)

- Washington, George, 1732-1799

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Indiana--Centennial celebrations, etc.